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November 17, 2010

Chairperson Curt Pringle Board of Directors California High-Speed Rail Authority 925 L Street, Suite 1425 Sacramento, CA 95814

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL DEIR/DEIS—REQUEST FOR 90-DAY REVIEW

Dear Mr. Pringle:

On behalf of the City Council, I am formally requesting that the public comment period for the Draft Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the San Francisco-to-San Jose segment of the California High-Speed Rail Project be a minimum of 90 days.

Mr. Doty indicated at the Peninsula Rail Program Technical Working Group meeting on October 21, 2010 that the Authority is planning the minimum 45-day review period. Forty-five days is insufficient for our community to review the DEIR/DEIS, given the complexity and depth of the information to be released on the nation's largest capital improvement project. The extended time will provide Mountain View with a more reasonable opportunity to maximize participation from our community and offer thoughtful public and City Council comments to the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

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Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mike Fuller, Public Works Director, at (650) 903-6077.

Sincerely,

Ronit Bryant

Mayor

RB/HK/8/PWK 915-11-04-10L-E^

cc: Board of Directors, California High-Speed Rail Authority

Mr. Roelof Van Ark, CEO, California High-Speed Rail Authority

Mr. Bob Doty, Director, Peninsula Rail Program, California High-Speed Rail Authority

Mr. Dominic Spaethling, Regional Manager, California High-Speed Rail Authority

Mr. Michael Scanlon, Executive Director, Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

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Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board—Representing Santa Clara Valley
Transportation Authority (Mr. Don Gage, Mr. Ash Kalra and Mr. Ken Yaeger)
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CALTRAIN SERVICE AND HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT

On behalf of the Mountain View City Council, I encourage the Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) to support Caltrain's efforts to advocate for its riders and the interests of the local communities it serves in its discussions with the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) relating to the preparation of the environmental document and design drawings for the San Jose-to-San Francisco section of the California High-Speed Rail Project.

As the County's transportation agency, a member of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB), and one of Caltrain's funding agencies, the VTA is in a unique position to encourage Caltrain to use its partnership with the CHSRA to ensure that any future Caltrain capital projects developed in conjunction with the High-Speed Rail Project place a priority on improving local commuter service for Caltrain riders and the communities Caltrain serves.

The City of Mountain View encourages the VTA to support Caltrain's advocacy efforts as the environmental review and design phases of the California High-Speed Rail Project continue.

RONIT BRYANT, MAYOR

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Mr. Michael Burns, General Manager—Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

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Mr. Michael J. Scanlon, Executive Director Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board 1250 San Carlos Avenue—P.O. Box 3006 San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

CALTRAIN SERVICE AND HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT

Dear Mr. Scanlon:

On behalf of the City Council, I am writing to support and encourage Caltrain and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board's refocused efforts regarding the California High-Speed Rail Project.

At the October 21, 2010 Peninsula Rail Program, Technical Working Group meeting, a Caltrain staff member assured the attendees that although Caltrain had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the California High-Speed Rail Authority which created the Peninsula Rail Program, Caltrain's first priority is their customers/riders and the communities they serve.

The City Council wishes to reiterate our ongoing support of Caltrain and to emphasize the importance of Caltrain service to Mountain View. Caltrain is in a unique position to use its partnership with the California High-Speed Rail Authority to ensure that the local commuter services and effect on communities be a priority in any future Caltrain capital projects and any projects developed in conjunction with the High-Speed Rail Project.

The City of Mountain View appreciates you taking our community's concerns seriously and encourages you to continue to ensure the High-Speed Rail Project is designed and built without adverse impacts to our community and residents.

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Thank you again for your support and work on this project.

Sincerely,

Ronit Bryant

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